

BOROUGH OF WILKINSBURG COUNCIL MEETING
Planning Session
January 4, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

President Cohn called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, second floor of the Municipal Building, 605 Ross Ave., Wilkinsburg, PA.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called to establish a quorum. Present were Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. Ervin, Ms. Evans, Ms. Trice, Ms. Moore (via telephone connection), Ms. Goodman, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Ms. Macklin and President Cohn. Also present were Mayor John Thompson, Marla P. Marcinko, Borough Manager and Mike Witherel, Borough Solicitor. A quorum was established.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Following the pledge of allegiance, a moment of silence was observed for victims of violent crime.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Law – 908 Wood St. – Announced the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day March and church program following which will be held on Monday January 16, 2012.

RESOLUTIONS

12-001 Approving 2012 Meeting Schedule as presented.

Mr. Cohn described the new meeting structure proposed with the goal being to enhance the productivity and involvement of all Council members and to make the deliberations of public matters more accessible to the general public. Work sessions are scheduled for the first and third Wednesdays and divided into segments to discuss specific topics such as Finance, Public Safety and Capital Planning. Time will be set aside to discuss general issues. There will not be any separate committees of Council. The legislative session will be held the second Wednesday of each month. Committee Chairperson appointments are as follows: Public Safety Committee – Vanessa McCarthy-Johnson, Finance Committee – Michael Lefebvre, Capital Planning – Tracey Evans, TCVCOG Delegate – Paige Trice, TCVCOG Alternate – Barbara Ervin, CONNECT Delegates are Mayor John Thompson, Marla P. Marcinko, Borough Manager, and Tracey Evans. Pension Board - Michael Lefebvre.

A motion was made by Ms. Evans, second by Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, to adopt the meeting schedule for 2012 as proposed.

Ms. Moore commented that she will be unable to attend most of the planning sessions.

Yes: Ms. Moore, Ms. Goodman, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Ms. Macklin, Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. Ervin, Ms. Evans, Ms. Trice, President Cohn

Motion carried

12-002

Approving the Martin Luther King, Jr. March to be held on January 16, 2012.

Moved: Mr. Lefebvre

Second by: Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

Yes: Ms. Trice, Ms. Moore, Ms. Goodman, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Ms. Macklin, Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. Ervin, Ms. Evans, President Cohn

Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

President Cohn introduced Mike Witherel, Borough Solicitor and asked for a brief introduction. Mr. Witherel described his experience in municipal law and commented that he represents all municipal entities.

Mr. Cohn commented about participation by phone and the need to establish guidelines.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, on motion by Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, second by Ms. Evans, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:28 PM.

Jason Cohn, Council President